

**Feast of the Epiphany – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b> <b>Intention:</b> Roisin Gilroy (A) <b>Reader:</b> Warren Considine
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> <b>Intention:</b> Molly Frost (A) <b>Reader:</b> Mark Gargan
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> <b>Intention:</b> People of the Parish <b>Reader:</b> Mark Smith & Anne Roberts



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Feast:**

**Intention:**

**No Mass**

**Readers at Mass - next week**

**Saturday (Vigil):** Elizabeth Tyszka

**Sunday 8.00am:** John Warren

**Sunday 11:00am:** Janet Morrow & Greg Warren

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Feast:**

**Intention:** Special Intention Daly's

**9:30am**      **Mass with Reception Class & Year 6 in attendance**

**Devotion**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each Mass.  
Rosary recited after each Mass.

**Confessions**

5.30pm – 6.00pm

Saturday evening or by appointment.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Feast:**

**Intention:** Special Intention Sean O'Boyle

**9:30am**      **Mass**

**Marriage and Baptism**

By appointment and after preparation. Marriages require a minimum of 6 month notice.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those who are sick:** Jean Harston, James Mularkey, Alex & Mary Hobson, Father Angelo, Mary Hammond, Marie Lockwood, Emma Tolan. Linda Rice, Jenny Brentnall, Terry Mawn.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**HMP Wetherby Young Offenders  
Chaplaincy**

**No Mass**

**Those who have died:**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Feast:**

**Intention:** Maise Folan

**9:30am**      **Mass**

**THANK YOU...** I wish to say a sincere word of thanks to the many people who shared the work of the Parish in the last 12 months. Many Parishioners are actively involved in the various ministries, (some up front for all to see, others quietly in the background). My thanks to all of our regular church-goers. It is always wonderful to hear visitors comment on the welcoming, friendly atmosphere we have at St Joseph's. I would like to thank you personally as well, for your encouragement and support, prayers and kindness throughout the year, and for the incredible number of greetings and gifts you have given me during this Christmas season. Thank you to everyone for the very generous Christmas offerings, which as you know, together with the Easter Offerings form part of a priest's annual Salary. I am very grateful!

**Parish Finances 2019:** When, later this week, you consider any New Year's resolutions - please will YOU kindly consider reviewing their regular donations to the parish? This could be either an increase in the amount you give, to change to Standing Order or to ensure, if you pay tax, that you Gift Aid your offertory donations. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**EU CITIZENS' SETTLEMENT SCHEME** Our Bishops' Conference has issued an important statement on this scheme which will affect EU citizens who have made their home in our country. It can be found at: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Settlement-Scheme](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Settlement-Scheme) and on a flyer at the back of Church.

**Children's Liturgy** Commences next weekend and will now be held every Sunday during term time. This is for those children in Foundation and KS1 & KS2 up to Year 4 at school to explain the Liturgy of the Word (the Readings and the Gospel) in a way that they can understand. It is normally supported by some form of activity. It is important that all children who attend should be registered. This is to fulfil our parish's safeguarding regulations. Parents please ensure that your child is registered. You too will need to be registered if you accompany your child to the sessions. We always welcome anyone who can help to either lead or assist with the liturgies. You do not have to be a teacher. Training and all materials are provided and preparation, when it is your turn to lead and should only take about half an hour. If you are interested please see one of the catechists or myself.

**Next Weekend** after all Masses there is a second collection for what is known as the Poor Mission Fund in our Diocese. It's a technicality that what we now know as Parishes were in earlier times called missions. The name has stuck to refer in the accounts at least to those Parishes who struggle to survive financially. There are Parishes where it is important that there is a Church and if possible a priest. In the past these may have been largely rural areas, but today that can also be in some of the urban areas.

### **Diocesan Job and Volunteer Vacancies**

There is a vacancy for a Financial Accountant based at Hinsley Hall. A good all-rounder to work in a small Finance Team providing financial and administrative support. Please contact [john.moran@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:john.moran@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for a job description.

The Diocese is seeking Non-Executive Directors to help undertake the Governance of a variety of charitable trusts and schools within the Diocesan 'family'. Would anyone wishing to be considered as potential future Trustees and School Governors please send a CV and covering letter to: Mr Ian Burrell, Chief Operating Officer, Diocese of Leeds, Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2BX. For more information, email: [volunteering@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

### **Sacramental Programme: First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2019**

- **TODAY: Year 3 Parents Meeting:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 12noon.
- **First Reconciliation Preparation Class for Year 3 Children:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 10am-3pm
- **Celebration of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 6pm-7:30pm.
- **Year 6 & 7 Parents Meeting for Confirmation:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon.
- **Confirmation for Year 6 & 7 Children:** Class: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 10am-3pm.
- **Confirmation Mass:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm here at St Joseph's Church.
- **First Holy Communion for Year 4:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Preparing Children for the Sacraments:** We are in need of new Catechists to help with sacramental preparation this coming year. The current team have done this for over 20 years and intend to retire in 2019. It is now time for new helpers to come forward and help. Please think about this very valuable and important role in our parish. Training will be provided. Please contact one of the current team or Father Neil.

**Lent & Easter:** The Holy Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting & Abstinence) 6th February 2019. Easter Sunday is late this year and is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**Lord, we do not carry gifts of gold, frankincense or myrrh but we do possess the gift of love. Forgive our selfishness and our lack of love and help us throughout this New Year to commit ourselves more devotedly to your church and to a genuine love and concern for others.....Amen.**

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**Last Week's Collection: Loose: £358.87 – Envelopes: £438.40 – Total: £797.27 - (Weekly S/O's: £434.17)**  
**200 Club Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: (23) Father Neil – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: (68) E Flanagan – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 113 M Prince